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In re application of:

Kramer, J.

Serial No. 09/439,766

Filed: November 15, 1999

For: *A Force Feedback and Texture
Simulating Interface Device*

Art Unit: 2787

Prior Examiner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicant requests Amendment to be made as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 10, last line,
change "5a-5h" to -5a-5m--

At page 19, line 17, insert the following paragraph:

--In Fig. 5m a device which is in part a composite of Fig. 5J and 5L is depicted. Sections 524 and 525 are in contact with each other and produce a pivot surface 527 when tendon 526 (emerging from casing 530) is in tension. As the tendon tension increases, the two sections press against each other and section 525 is forced to rotate clockwise, while section 524 rotates counterclockwise, each section rotating about the "moving" contact pivot point. A rotary goniometer 541 is attached to the linkage at the joint 534 between the two links 535 and 536. The value of the goniometer may be related to the joint angle of the knuckle.--